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Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims presented below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for preparation of a sample which is drawn through a hollow needle into a syringe, in-particular especially for extraction and enrichment of a volatile component from a liquid, solid or gaseous sample for subsequent introduction into an analytical device, for example a gas chromatograph, wherein-whereby for extraction of an analyte of interest the sample is flushed through a packing of a stationary phase with an increased volume compared to the interior of the needle for extraction of the analytes of interest.

2. (previously presented) A device for carrying out the method as claimed in claim 1, comprising a syringe, and a hollow needle connected to the syringe body, wherein, between the needle and the syringe body, a chamber is provided which is wider than the cross section of the needle and in which an extraction material is located.

3. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the chamber is provided with a means for heating.